

City of Somerville, Health Department
Report to Joint Public Health Board, Board of Health and Mayor's Office
for May 2006

To Be Submitted June 13, 2006 to JPHB

Board of Health

- Board members discussed changes to Body Art Apprenticeship Disclosure form and incorporation of Apprenticeship Process to the Body Art Regulations.

Director's Updates

Emergency Preparedness

- Director represents Department at monthly Region 4B Emergency Preparedness meeting
- Hiring Committee interviews for Emergency Preparedness Assistant Coordinator Position
- Director and City Solicitor offer suggestions to enhance Mutual Aid document.

Rodent Control

- Director convenes second meeting of Rodent Control Taskforce and recommendations for Trash Ordinance Changes discussed

Fiscal/ Budget

- Director prepares Year 2 Continuation Budget for DFCSP and specific information on Direct Services
- Director reviews all Program Requests at Somerstat meeting and task lists
- Director finalizes and submits Department Budget and Program Maps for FY 07 Budget Process

Active Living/ Shape Up Somerville

- Director participates in second round interviews for Shape Up Somerville
- Director provides scopes of services for Groundwork Somerville and Walk Boston to review

Other

- In conjunction with Health Agenda conduct preparation for Mayor's Suicide Taskforce meeting
- Director attends Cambridge Public Health Assessment community event
- Director attends Integrated Planning Grant wrap-up meeting and CCC of ICH
- Director recruits summer graduate student intern
- Director participates in Shannon Anti-Gang Planning Meetings
- Director supports Public Health Nurse with risk communication on Measles case
- Director provides oversight to SAMHSA Comet Semi-Annual Report
- Director and School Nurse Leader meet with Superintendent to discuss nursing coverage for summer school
- Director participates in Mayors Office session to discuss Agreement on integration of Inspectors with Inspectional Services Division

Personnel

- Director and all grant funded staff participate in City's Wage Job Study
- Director addresses request for reduced summer hours for Public Health Nurse

- Director explores idea of cross-training school nurses in public health nursing
- Director participates in SCAP hiring process meeting with Coalition members
- Director advocates for Program Improvement Requests for Women's Commission

Health Inspectors

Sanitary Inspections

- Responded to 36 complaints, 31 resolved
- Conducted 45 inspections of retail/food establishments, 50 reinspections
- Five new business inspections
- Six first visits to potential new businesses
- Annual license renewals mailed out

Housing Inspections

- Responded to 101 complaints, 84 resolved
- Conducted 3 full inspections
- Responded to 1 emergency (asbestos in basement)
- Met with Modern Pest Extermination for rodent control in the City of Somerville
- Collaborated with the Neighborhood Impact Team
- Court hearings for trash tickets
- Issued trash & commercial tickets
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Public Health Nursing

- Participated in hiring process for Assistant Coordinator of Emergency Preparedness
- Attended Immigrant Service Providers Group meeting
- Attended CHNA 17 Meeting
- Organized local Public Health Nurses' Meeting
- Provided case management services to seven active TB cases, two new cases
- Investigated 6 communicable disease cases, including one measles case

School Nursing

- School Nurses continue to gather health information updates to maintain student compliance with health mandates
- School Nurses gave first aid to 816 students in April
- School Nurses performed illness assessments on 1576 students in April
- School Nurses performed 627 nursing procedures in April (tube feedings, ostomy care, glucose testing, peak/flow monitoring etc.)
- School Nurses gave out medications to students 1441 times in April
- School Nurses were updated on Emergency Preparedness activities
- Psychosocial Counseling was documented 614 times in nurse's offices in April
- School nurses updated on asthma tracking project for school physician
- SNL continues to provide clinical support to nurses
- SNL provided direct care in schools when subs unavailable
- SNL continuing quality assurance project on vision follow up documentation
- SNL continues to attend PEP grant planning meetings
- SNL continues to seek substitute nurses to fill roster

- SNL finalized Somerstat documentation

Somerville Commission for Women

- Somerville Domestic Violence Taskforce: successful had a retreat to develop its vision statement and make a list of objectives. Next steps: finalize vision statement, prioritize objectives, and create action agenda.
- TADA: group has raised \$3,500 of its \$4,000 for 06-07 school year. Need to create an in-school advisory board made up of teachers and officials to help TADA in its work.
- Commissioners: taped its first show on the Commission with two Commissioners as guest. Next show is on Gay Pride (taping on June 15).

Somerville Cares About Prevention

- Extensive inputting of information for COMET – Coalitions Online Management and Evaluation Tool. 5/10-5/24/06
- Participated in Suicide and Mental Health Task Force Meeting 5/9/06
- Participated in final meeting of Integrated Comprehensive Care for Children planning meeting 5/10/06
- Met with Directors of Everett, Malden and Medford coalitions to formulate a Sticker Shock campaign.
- Attended Mass Forum training in Shrewsbury. Topic: Communication 5/17/06
- FA Meetings 5/4/06, 5/11/06, 5/18/06 and 5/25/06
- Met with Coalition Directors of Medford and Everett to plan regional Spring Sticker shock campaign 5/11/06
- Met with 2 staff of Institute of Community Health to review install of software program on SCAP's computer to allow us to enter membership data. 5/24/06
- Sticker Shock Campaign in Medford 5/16/06
- Attended Somerville's Youth Workers Network Meeting 5/23/06
- Attended Evaluation Meeting with 2 staff of Institute of Community Health and 2 SCAP staff. Began work on SCAP CMCA Logic Model. 5/24/06
- Monthly Coordinating Committee Meeting 5/24/06
- Coordinated Community event featuring "The Limes" a funk jazz little big band at Community Growing Center 5/27/06

Tobacco Control

Administrative

- Enforcement Officer Position was re-opened until June 5, 2006.
- Somerstat program map completed.

Youth Access

- Educational Postcard Mailings:
 - Somerville: 254 pieces (It includes info. About new YA regulation)
 - Cambridge: 137 pieces
 - Chelsea: 58 pieces
 - Everett: 58 pieces

- Revere: 85 pieces
 - Total: 592 pieces
- Tobacco retailer compliance checks in:
 - Somerville (Checked: 105, Sales: 5, Tickets: 5, Total: \$500). Rate of sale FY06 (To Date): 2.8%
- Tobacco retailer educational inspections in:
 - Somerville (Visited: 57, Stores w/ Signage Violations: 30, warnings: 30)

ETS

- Inspections:
 - Cambridge (Inspected: 31, violations: 0, warnings: 0)
 - Somerville (Inspected: 57, Complaint: 0, Sign violations: 16, Warning: 16)
 - Revere (Inspected: 1, Complaints: 1, Violations: 0)
 - Everett (Inspected: 1, complaint: 1, Violations: 0)

Trauma Response Network

- Chaired 3 TRN Leadership Mtgs 5/1, 5/15, 5/22
- Performed recruitment for second focus group for Suicide Survivor's Support Group and attending correspondence
- Co-facilitated Suicide Survivor's Focus Group 5/18
- Attended 4 meetings at CTRF for trauma coordination efforts 5/2, 5/9, 5/23, 5/30
- Attended 2 of 3 days of PTSM training which was attended by 6 members of Somerville Community 510-11
- Facilitated one component of PTSM training on self-care – 5/11
- Begin facilitating effort for hiring of SCAP Director, including developing process, organizing/running preliminary meetings, screening resumes, interviewing candidates – in collaboration with HR Dept and Director of Health Department
- Attended two meetings run by HR Department re: restructuring of City jobs – 5/3, 5/16
- Attended 2 Youth Worker/Coaches Conversations planning meetings to continue work on funded grant 5/25, 5/30
- Met with District Administrator of Student Services to continue discussion on trauma protocols 5/4 – Director of Guidance unavailable, so will resume meetings after 6/5
- Distributed TRN services document to High School Administration
- Networked with 5 community members re: TRN/trauma function
- Completed Somerstat map for FY 2006-7
- Began preliminary discussions/mapping re: TRN position for next FY
- Gave presentation on Suicide Assessment to School Nurses group – 5/17
- Attended and presented trauma info at Mayor's Task Force Meeting on Suicide Prevention and Mental Health – 5/9
- Organized, planned and administered Quarterly TRN Meeting 5/18
- Performed reconn and consultation re: two cases 5/25, 5/31
- Performed follow-up consultation re: anniversary on death last year
- Co-facilitated group for survivors of last year's traumatic incident at Healey School 5/31

